

Fairfax Connector - SmarTrip Card Update for November, 2005

As part of a regional effort to provide an automatic fare payment option, FAIRFAX CONNECTOR expects to enhance its fareboxes in Spring 2006 to accept the SmarTrip card. Like a debit card, the SmarTrip card can pay the fare electronically, without the need for cash. SmarTrip-enhanced fareboxes are already operating on Fairfax County's Metrobus routes, and Metrorail has been accepting SmarTrip card payment for several years. The new fareboxes on FAIRFAX CONNECTOR buses will extend this technology to all of Fairfax County.

The City of Alexandria will soon install SmarTrip fareboxes on DASH buses for testing. Once the testing is complete, FAIRFAX CONNECTOR and the other Northern Virginia transit providers expect to install SmarTrip fareboxes on their fleets. Anticipating this, the providers are now collaborating to train operations and maintenance staff to use and maintain the new fareboxes.

FAIRFAX CONNECTOR customers can expect updates to this notice as further test progress is made and installation dates are confirmed. Thank you for your patience and understanding while the region's transit providers coordinate this implementation to enable an easier payment option for you.